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#### TO THE HONORABLE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS:

Now come the schoolchildren of Sanger ISD, Sanger, Texas and submit the following statements in support of the ruling of the Honorable Harley Clark, Judge - 250th Judicial District, Travis County, in Cause Number 362,516.

The undersigned has been requested to submit these statements to the Court. The undersigned does not represent any party and has no monetary interest in the outcome of the litigation. The statements presented are from individuals

who have a substantial interest in preserving the State's ability to provide equitable public education to its citizens.

Accordingly, the schoolchildren of Sanger ISD, Sanger, Texas respectfully pray that this Court consider the attached statements (Volume II) and uphold the decision of the trial court in the case at bar.

Respectfully submitted, ARNOLD AND NICOLAS 800 One Capitol Square 300 West Fifteenth Street Austin, Texas 78701 512-320-5200

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#### STATEMENT OF AMICUS CURIAE, Staci Jenkins

I am vitally concerned about public education in Texas and about the failure of the Legislature and Governor to support an equitable method for the distribution of state funds in Texas.

As a senior in high school I have been witness to the disadvantages we in a less affluent school district have had. I have also noted that my family pays higher school taxes than do those in other school districts. These high tax dollars in our district do not go towards modern science equipment, restocking the library, more experienced teachers or even enough paper to last a whole year. Our higher taxes are necessary simply to keep the school doors open.

It is a terrible feeling when our football team and support groups travel twenty-five miles to play a football game and we feel like a small school playing a Southwest Conference Team because of the difference in their elaborate facilities and uniforms and ours. In short, Sanger I.S.D. has been at a large disadvantage because of the shortage of funds.

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Thank you,

Staci Jenkins

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#### STATEMENT OF AMICUS CURIAE, Cherise Frickman

I am vitally concerned about public education in Texas and about the failure of the Legislature and Governor to support an equitable method for the distribution of state funds in Texas.

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